

Kingsmill Plantation
Near Williamsburg
James City County
Virginia

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Near Williamsburg, James City County, Virginia

Owner: Chinn Estate

Date of erection: Probably second quarter eighteenth century

Present condition: Main house destroyed; wings poor

Description:

Main house was square, dimensions being under 50 feet. According to early newspapers, it had four rooms on each floor. The house burned probably in the late nineteenth century, and no further information seems to survive. The foundations, however, are largely intact, as are the flanking buildings. These are approximately 160 feet apart, the south gable ends lining with the north front of the foundation of the mansion. They therefore enclosed an entrance court, as at the Governor's Palace in Williamsburg.

The dependencies are brick, Flemish bond, story and a half, and have a gable roof and inside end chimneys. They are four bays long, with twin center doorways. The interiors are simply divided into two rooms. The chimney construction is especially fine, as is the exterior brickwork, where all of the headers are glazed. In recent years the walls have been white-washed, but this has washed off the glazed headers, giving a curious green-white effect. Little old trim of interest remains.

The west building is said to have burned and been rebuilt within the old walls.

Additional data:

"For sale, the plantation whereon I now live, containing (by a very old Patent) 850 acres. There is a good dwelling house, two story high, 4 rooms on a floor, 2 offices with 4 rooms in each, and a storehouse the same size, all brick; coach house, stables, barns, and all other necessities for a family. The situation is equal to any on James river and I believe the plantation as valuable and within three miles of Williamsburg. Also another plantation adjoining the above, containing 1130 acres, extending within a mile of Williamsburg; the soil very good for all kinds of grain, and two thirds of the land in wood. Seven years credit will be given. Particulars may be

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known by applying to

LEWIS BURWELL, Jun."

--From the Virginia Gazette, Dixon & Nicolson, Eds., February 24, 1781

"TO Be S O L D, on L O N G C R E D I T, THE VALUABLE plantation Kingsmill, situate on James river, about four miles below Williamsburg, containing 2000 acres. There is an elegant and convenient two story brick house, with four rooms on a floor, and every necessary out house thereon. The fertility of the soil and its vicinity to market render this spot most valuable. Immediate possession may be had, and the terms known on application to

PEYTON RANDOLPH"

--From the Virginia Gazette and Weekly Advertiser, Micolson and Prentis, Eds., November 16, 1782

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